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BY THE KING.
A PROCLAMATION,
Concerning the Adjournment of Hillary Term.

CHARLES REX,



Hereas the King Our Sovereign Lord, upon some decrease of the Plague in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and places adjacent, and probable hopes it might cease, with colder weather, Did command the next *Hillary Term* to be held at *Westminster*, as formerly, thereby intending relief and encouragement to His People in those parts, which He much desireth: But finding the Contagion hath continued there all this Winter Season, and although by the Mercy of God, it is in a great measure abated, yet doth still continue: And considering the confluence of fresh People which the Term will bring thither, and their lodging in Places, and conversing with Persons that have been Infected, may be a means to spread and prolong the Infection: His Majesty therefore, for avoiding that occasion, and for the future welfare and safety of His People, is pleased to Adjourn part of the Term of *St. Hillary*, now next coming (that is to say) in and from the first Return thereof, called *Octabis Hillarii*, unto the third Return of the same Term, called *Crastino Purificationis*, from *Westminster* to the Castle of *Windsor*, and there to be held and continued for the residue of the said Term, which His Majesty signifieth to all His loving Subjects of this Realm, to the intent they which have cause or commandment to appear in any of his Highness Courts at *Westminster*, in or at any day or time, in or after the said *Octabis Hillarii*, may tarry at their Dwellings, or where their business otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the said Courts for that cause, before the said *Crastino Purificationis* next coming, and that without danger, forfeiture or penalty, or contemp, to incur towards His Majesty in that behalf. And nevertheless His Majesties pleasure is, That according to the ancient Order of the Laws, the Essoyns of the said *Octabis Hillarii* shall be kept, at which time Writs of Adjournment (which His Majesty hereby commandeth the Lord High Chancellor of *England* to make forth) shall be directed to the Justices of either Bench, and to the Judges of all other His Majesties Courts, to whom like Writs have been usually directed, Giving them power to Adjourn the next *Hillary Term*, in and from *Octabis Hillarii*, unto the said third Return as aforesaid; and the said Adjournment to be made

in the first Day of the said *Ostabis Hillarii*, commonly called, *The Day of Essays*. And His Majesty doth hereby Declare His further Will and Pleasure to be, That in the said Term there shall be no Tryals by Iuries, or any Iudgement upon Demurrers or special Verdicts, in any of His Courts of Kings Bench, Common Pleas, or Exchequer: And that all Matters, Causes and Suits, depending between party and party in His other Courts of Chancery, Exchequer Chambers, or Dutchy of *Lancaster*, shall have continuance, and the parties shall have Day from the date of these Presents, until the said third Return as aforesaid: And also that there shall be no Iudicial Hearings, or determining of any Causes or Matters in any of the said Courts of Chancery, Exchequer Chambers, or Dutchy of *Lancaster*, during the said Term. And His Majesty doth hereby also further Declare, That no Party shall be compelled, or need to appear in Person, in any of His Majesties said Courts, at any time during the said Terme, but may make their appearance, by their Attorneys, (saving only in cases of Out-lawry) And that no Iuries or any whom the same may concern, shall be compelled or need to appear in any of His Majesties said Courts, at any time during the said Terme, for any cause or matter whatsoever, unless it be for some special or important cause, for His Majesties service only.

And whereas His Majesty having removed the Receipt of His Exchequer, together with the Tally-Office, and all things thereunto belonging, from *Non-such*, to *Westminster*, did by His Proclamation of the fifth of this instant *January*, direct all Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Collectors, and all other Officers, Accomptants, and Persons whatsoever, who were to pay in any monies, into the said Receipt, or otherwise to attend the same, to keep their days and times at *Westminster* aforesaid, and there to do, pay, and perform, in all things, as they should or ought to have done, if the said Receipt had not been removed, but there continued; Nevertheless His Majesties pleasure is, and He doth hereby command all Collectors, Receivers, Sheriffs, and other Accomptants, and all other Persons that should or ought to account, in any of His Majesties Courts of Exchequer, or Dutchy of *Lancaster*, or to enter into any accompt, in either of the said Courts, or otherwise to attend the same, to repair unto *Windsor* at the time aforesaid, and then and there to accompt, and perform in all things touching their Accompts, as though no such Proclamation or Adjournment had been had or made: And His Majesties further pleasure and Commandment is, that if any Person or Persons, who ought to account or pay any sum or sums of money to His Majesty, in any of the Courts and places aforesaid, doe make default therein, then his Highness Writs and Proceffe, shall be awarded and sent forth, against every such Person and Persons, and the same to be duly and orderly served, and returned, by the Sheriffs and Officers appointed thereunto, in such manner and forme as the same should have been, if this Proclamation had not been made; And if any Sheriff, or other Officer, shall make default, or be negligent in serving, executing, or returning, of any the Writs and Processes aforesaid, That then every such Sheriff and other Officer shall incur such paines and penalties, by the said Courts or any of them, shall be taxed and assessed; Willing and commanding all and every his Majesties Sheriffs, Officers and Subjects to whom it doth or shall appertain, to observe and keep their assemblies and appearances, with all their Returns and Certificates in his Highness said Courts at *Windsor*, in *Craftino purificationis*, next coming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to doe their offices and duties in every behalf, in like manner and form, as they should or ought to have done, if this present Proclamation, had not been had or made; As they will answer the contrary at their perils. Given at Our Court at *Oxford* the 12th Day of *January*, 1665. in the Seventeenth Year Of our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING:

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